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Although claims 4-7 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: -

The present claims 1, 4, 8 and 18 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The functional terms "prodrugs" and "metabolites" do not enable the skilled person to determine which functional features are necessary to perform the stated function. It is thus unclear which specific compounds fall within the scope of the said claims. A lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the above-mentioned claims impossible. Consequently, the search does not include prodrugs and metabolites of formula I.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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